GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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BAD CONDITION OF NH 29 IN UP
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any nodal agency or mechanism has been set up to periodically assess condition of national highways to repair/maintain the damaged highways across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NH29 passing through Varanasi, Sarnath, Gazipur, Mau, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh and Manmad- Ahmednagar road in Maharashtra are completely damaged and there is a proposal for its widening and repairing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) and (b) All the National Highways (NHs) are periodically assessed by the concerned executing agencies to whom the stretch is entrusted with and necessary maintenance works are taken up based on condition of the NH stretch, availability of funds and inter-se priority of works.

(c) and (d) Varanasi-Ghazipur-Mau-Gorakhpur section of NH-29 passing through Uttar Pradesh is an old highway having poor crust thickness, drainage and with heavy traffic intensity. Therefore, the highway gets damaged under these conditions. Special repair is being carried out to keep the highway in traffic worthy condition. The above NH section is proposed to be upgradation to 4-lane under National Highways Development Project (NHDP). At this stage it would be premature to indicate any time frame for completion of this project.

Sinnar-Shiridi-Ahmednagar has recently been declared as NH-160 and the road is in good condition except certain stretches which have been programmed for Periodic Renewal (PR) during 2014-15 and there is no proposal for widening of this road.